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PROCEEDINGS.

MARION, Nov. 8, 1861.

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing, the reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Talbird, and prayer by Dr. Manly, the letters were read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows viz:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Tuskegee—S. Henderson, H. E. Taliaferro.

Tuskaloosa—C. Manly, C. A. Hester, J. H. Foster.

Bethel—W. J. Parker, J. Talbert, E. G. Talbert, L. T. Daniel.

Bigbee—R. A. Massey, L. B. Robertson, M. W. Hand, J. W. Henson.

Eufaula—W. N. Reeves.

Cahaba—O. H. Perry, W. B. Cureton.

Alabama—B. Manly, D. R. Lide, D. M. Reeves, S. A. Creath, B. H. Crumpton, W. B. Haralson.

Union—J. G. Nash.

Coosa River—J. J. D. Renfroe.

Unity—R. R. Peeples, A. Andrews.

CHURCHES.

Tuskaloosa—J. H. Foster, C. A. Hester, C. Manly.

Siloam—J. B. Lovelace, T. W. Tobey, N. K. Davis, W. B. Lawson, W. H. McIntosh.

Centre Ridge—D. M. Reeves, D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide R. P. Lide.

Tuskegee—S. Henderson.

Montgomery 2d Church—H. W. Watson.

Mt. Edon—J. McCauley, J. Kinerd, B. Jervis.

Sumterville—R. A. Massey.

Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry.

Montevallo—Edmund King, Shelby King.

Selma—J. E. Prestridge, C. E. Thames.

Shady Grove—A. Andrews, J. H. Burns.

SOCIETIES.

Ann Hasseltine Society, Judson Female Institute, R. Holman.

LIFE MEMBERS.

E. A. Blunt, A. B. Goodhue, B. Manly, D. Gordon, H. W. Watson, H. Talbird, W. N. Wyatt, J. Kinerd, L. B. Lane, J. H. Lee, L. C. Tutt, M. W. Pleasant, S. R. Freeman, S. H. Fowlkes, E. D. King, W. A. Melton.

The Convention was organized by the election of the following officers, viz :

Rev. H. Talbird, President, A. B. Goodhue, Secretary.

Resolved, To invite the following brethren to seats as officials of the Bodies they respectively represent, viz :

Rev. A. M. Poindexter, Cor. Sec. B. F. M., S. B. C., Rev. S. A. Creath, Ag't B. F. M., S. B. C., Rev. R. Holman, Cor. Sec. B. D. M., S. B. C., Rev. A. E. Dickinson, Gen'l Sup't of Army Colportage.

Resolved, That one half hour each day during the session be devoted to religious exercises, and that special reference be had in them to the present condition of the country.

Appointed committee on Foreign Missions, the members of the committee appointed last session not being present. S. Henderson, N. K. Davis, S. A. Creath.

Resolved, That this Convention observe the following hours for meeting and adjournment, viz : Meet at 9 a. m., and 2 p. m., and adjourn at 12½ p. m., and 4½ p. m.

Appointed committee on Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Siloam Church, L. B. Lane, H. W. Watson.

Invited Rev. A. E. Dickinson, Sup't of Army Colportage, to address the Convention to-morrow at 11 a. m.

Appointed the following committees to report during the session, viz :

To nominate the remaining officers of the Convention, L. B. Lane, H. W. Watson, R. P. Lide.

On Periodicals : S. R. Freeman, L. B. Robertson, R. A. Massey.

On Letters and Documents : W. J. Parker, C. A. Hester, L. T. Daniel.

On Finance : D. R. Lide, E. G. Talbert, M. W. Hand.

Auditing Committee: W. N. Wyatt, J. Kinerd, J. H. Lee.

Appointed committee on a communication from J. L. M. Curry, in reference to the Jenkins bequest—H. W. Watson, John Moore, J. H. Lee.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Talbird.

2½ P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Parker.

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College referred to committee on Education.

Appointed committee on Obituaries—T. W. Tobey, J. H. Foster, D. M. Reeves.

Report of committee on Domestic Missions, read and laid on table for the present.

Appointed R. A. Massey and O. H. Perry to fill vacancy in committee on Temperance.

Appointed C. A. Hester and D. Gordon, to fill vacancy in committee S. B. P. Society.

Invited Rev. W. C. Buck to a seat, and to a participation in the deliberations of the Convention.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools, read and pending the discussion of it.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Taliaferro.

Introductory Sermon Friday night, by Rev. C. Manly.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. N. Reeves.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools adopted. Appendix A.

Appointed committee contemplated in said report—W. W. Waller, H. W. Watson, B. Manly, B. B. Davis, C. Phillips.

Report of Bible Board adopted. Appendix B.

Committee—J. Haralson, J. E. Prestridge, M. Burns.

Report of committee on the communication of J. L. M. Curry, adopted. Appendix C.

Report of committee on S. B. P. Society, adopted. Appendix D.

Agreeably to resolution adopted yesterday, Rev. A. E. Dickinson addressed the Convention, and after some addi-

tional remarks by Dr. Manly, the Convention suspended business to take up a collection for Army Colportage.

Cash collections and subscriptions amounted to $219.75.

Adopted the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

The Baptist General Association of Virginia having organized a system of Colportage by which Testaments and suitable books and tracts are being published and distributed among the soldiers of the Confederate States; and having at its last annual meeting passed a series of resolutions soliciting the co-operation of the Baptists throughout the South. Therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That we warmly sympathise with this enterprise, and will earnestly co-operate with our Virginia brethren.

2. *Resolved*, That we affectionately recommend the Baptist Churches throughout this State, to make immediate and liberal collections, for the further prosecution of this most important work.

3. *Resolved*, That, believing it highly desirable that the Baptist family throughout the Confederate States should unite in this movement, we earnestly commend the resolutions of the Virginia Baptists to the favorable consideration of the denomination in the several States of the Confederacy.

4. *Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Body, it is desirable to concentrate the entire work of the denomination in the Confederate States, with respect to publishing and circulating Bibles, Tracts and other works, under one general management and superintendence.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, referred to committee on Education.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. Henderson.

2½ P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. E. Dickinson.

Report of Board of Directors adopted. Appendix.

Report of committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention adopted, viz:

S. Henderson 1st Vice President, P. H. Lundy 2d Vice President, T. W. Tobey, Cor. Sec., S. H. Fowlkes Treas'r.

Directors—E. D. King, John Moore, J. H. Lee, W. Horn-

buckle, W. H. McIntosh, W. N. Wyatt, J. T. Barron, J. G. Huckabee, J. F. Bailey.

Trustees of Howard College—I. W. Garrott, J. B. Lovelace, J. W. Crenshaw, W. N. Wyatt, S. Henderson, J. G. Huckabee, L. W. Lawler, R. P. Lide.

Report of committee on Obituaries, adopted. Appendix E.

Report of committee on Education, adopted. Appendix F.

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College, adopted. Appendix G.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, adopted. Appendix H.

Resolved. That the Trustees of Howard College be authorized to attach a Military Department to the College, if in their judgment advisable.

Report of committee on Letters and Documents, adopted. Appendix I.

Resolved. That when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Tuskaloosa on Friday before 2d Sunday in November next.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions laid on the table for the present.

Adopted the following as expressive of the views of the Convention, viz: All the interest connected with this Convention being to a greater or less extent affected by the present unhappy condition of our country, we feel obliged as lovers of our God and of our country, to acknowledge the stress in which we now find ourselves, but above all, we do recognize the hand of God in leading us into our present condition. And on this account we do not feel the slightest disposition to depart from the position assumed by this Body at its last annual session; on the contrary, and in full view of the perilous circumstances which now surround us, we do now in humble dependence on that God in whom we have ever trusted, solemnly declare it to be our purpose to maintain that position until the light breaks through the darkness which now envelops us.

We wish also, to express our gratitude to God for having given us a chief magistrate, who has, in all his official acts and proclamations, recognized the dependence we all feel

on the Almighty Ruler of the Universe for success in the present struggle, as for every blessing we enjoy. And we trust our whole people will strictly observe the days appointed by civil authority for fasting and prayer, and that they will humbly approach the throne of grace, to confess their sins before God, and to supplicate blessings upon our country and our rulers, our people and our armies, and all those interests which are dearer to us than life itself: and that the Prince of Peace may gain new victories, even tho' *we* pass through scenes, in which the confused noise of warriors and garments rolled in blood, form a prominent part.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Talbird.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sermon by Rev. W. N. Reeves.

Report of committee on Finance referred to Auditing Committee.

Report of Treasurer referred to Auditing Committee.

Report of committee on Temperance, adopted. Appendix K.

The President announced the following standing committees, viz:

On Education: C. Manly, A. J. Battle, C. A. Hester.

On Domestic Missions: J. G. Nash, —— Stancel, —— Jones.

On Foreign Missions: W. N. Reeves, J. G. Shorter, J. S. Paullin.

On Temperance: W. J. Parker, L. B. Lane, M. W. Hand.

On S. B. P. Society: S. Henderson, H. E. Taliaferro, C. Battle.

Report of Committee on Periodicals, adopted. Appendix L.

Appointed delegates to corresponding Bodies as follows, viz:

Mississipp Baptist State Convention—M. T. Sumner, L. B. Robertson, J. G. Nash, R. A. Massey, W. J. Parker.

Florida Baptist State Convention—S. A. Creath, W. Howard.

East Alabama Convention—W. N. Wyatt, W. B. Haralson, C. Manly.

Georgia Baptist State Convention—E. Y. VanHoose, J. S. Paullin, W. N. Reeves, H. E. Taliaferro, D. Gordon.

General Association of Virginia—W. N. Reeves, S. A. Creath, M. T. Sumner, R. Holman.

Resolved, That any member of this Body attending the meeting of any other body with which we correspond, and presenting a copy of our minutes shall be authorized to represent this Convention.

Appointed Bible Board—H. W. Watson, W. W. Waller, W. P. Chilton.

Ordered the funds of the Convention to be paid over to the Agents of the Societies for whom they were designed.

Appropriated $75 for printing minutes, and $25 for distribution.

Referred all unfinished business to Board of Directors.

Adjourned till 3 p. m., to-morrow. Benediction by Bro. Poindexter.

SUNDAY 9 A. M.

Sunday School, Siloam Church, addressed by brethren Watson and Dickinson.

11 A. M.

Preaching at Baptist Church, by Dr. Manly; at Presbyterian Church, by Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe; at the Methodist Church, by Rev. W. J. Parker.

3 P. M.

Mass Missionary meeting at Baptist Church, addressed by Rev. C. Manly and Rev. A. M. Poindexter.

Reports of committees on Foreign and Domestic Missions, adopted. Appendix M. and N.

Preaching to colored people at Presbyterian Church, by Rev. J. G. Nash, and at Methodist Church, by Rev. H. E. Taliaferro.

7 P. M.

Mass meeting for Army Colportage, addressed by Dr. Manly and Rev. A. E. Dickinson. Collections in cash and pledges amounted to $205.25.

Adjourned to meet in Tuskaloosa on Friday before the 2d Sunday in November next.

H. TALBIRD, President.

A. B. GOODHUE, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

A

Report on Sabbath Schools.

It would be superfluous to insist upon the usefulness of Sunday Schools at this day. The necessity of the early implantation of those principles which are to govern the whole life and to determine the destinies of eternity, is self evident, while the adaptation of Sunday Schools to this purpose is unquestionable. They have been appropriately styled the nurseries of the Church. But, though none deny their salutary influence, few feel its deep importance. Christians who secure a secular education for their children at immense expense, suffer the slightest obstacle to stand in the way of their spiritual education. In the churches located in cities and villages, Sunday Schools are in operation, and where vigorously conducted, exert a most benign influence. But it is a lamentable fact that the majority of our country churches are wholly destitute of those valuable auxiliaries of the Christian work, while in most of those where they do exist, it is but a life-in-death existence. Whence arises this prevalent destitution, this feeble condition? whence if not from the carelessness of pastors and the indifference of professing Christians? This committee would then press upon every minister and delegate present, the importance of establishing Sunday Schools where they do not already exist, and of increasing their efficiency where they do. Laudable indeed, was the action of the Alabama Association, in appointing visitors to the various churches within its bounds to establish and encourage Sunday Schools. Your committee would urge a similar action upon all the Associations. If this course were taken, and the minutes of Associations contained the statistics of Sunday Schools, as well as of churches; or, if in any way the statistics of Sunday Schools might be presented before this body, then our influence might acquire some importance, and the report on Sunday Schools acquire some interest, instead of being a grave and formal reiteration of self-evident facts, a puny and spiritless repetition of obvious advice.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. REEVES, Cha'n.

The above Report was amended by the addition of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the churches of the State be requested to furnish annually to the chairman of the committee on Sunday Schools appointed by this Convention, reports of their several Sabbath Schools, stating the number of teachers and scholars, the additions during the year—the number of conversions of teachers and scholars—the number of books in library, and any other facts of interest, relating to the schools.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of the chairman of the committee on Sunday schools hereafter, annually, to issue a circular containing a tabular form of report, and send it to pastors and superintendents throughout the State, requesting them to forward the statistics of their schools to him by mail in time to be incorporated in his report, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Convention for such expenses as may be incident to the discharge of this duty.

Resolved, That the standing committee on Sabbath Schools be located at Montgomery.

B

Report on Bible Board.

The Bible Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention beg leave to report, that under our appointment at the last session of this body, we pro-

ceeded first to correspond with the agent of the Alabama Bible Society at Selma, from whom we learned that they were ready to turn over into our hands the Bibles and stock on hand to dispose of for the Convention, as indicated in the report adopted at the last session of this body. See report "L." on page 24 of the minutes. Upon consultation your committee became satisfied that to render the transfer of the assetts of the Alabama Bible Society to the State Convention, strictly legal, (they both being corporate bodies) it was necessary that the Legislature of the State should enact a law to that effect. Consequently, up to this time we have refused to receive the stock or assetts of the Alabama Bible Society, as agents of the Convention, or as your Bible Board. This to us has appeared to be the course that wisdom and prudence pointed out. Soon after our appointment as your Board, the financial affairs of the country became so deranged from political troubles, that we deemed it unwise to appoint an agent as contemplated by this body in creating the Bible Board, believing that such an appointment would not be self-sustaining. We beg leave, in conclusion, to say that the spread of Bibles and evangelical literature is a work in which we must engage, and to which we must give our prayers, energies and means. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair whose duty it shall be to procure the passage of a law by our State Legislature authorizing the transfer of the stock and assetts of the Alabama Bible Society located at Selma to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, reserving first a sufficiency of assetts to pay all demands outstanding and unpaid.

H. W. WATSON, Cha'n.

C

Report of Committee on Communication of J. L. M. Curry.

The special committee to whom was referred the auditing of the accounts of brother Jabez L. M. Curry, who was appointed by this body at its session in the year 1856, agent to collect the bequest, or donation of brother Wm. Jenkins deceased, beg leave to report that it appears from the documents placed in our hands, that bro. Curry received from the Executor of brother Wm. Jenkins deceased, in the month of July 1856, the sum of Four Thousand Dollars. $4000 00

And has disbursed the same as follows, to wit:

July 1856.	CR.	
	Paid Judge Thornton's receipt for tax - -	$ 80 00
1857. "	F. M. Law for Bible Board - - -	781 00
1856. "	W. Hornbuckle Domestic Mission Board - -	78[illegible] 00
" "	J. D. Williams Foreign " " - -	487 00
" "	Platt Stout Southern Baptist Publication Society	781 00
" "	W. P. Chilton, Beneficiaries of Howard College	781 00
Cash balance paid Domestic Mission Board - - - -		4 00
Making four thousand dollars		$4000 00

The full amount received by him, all of which has been paid out by him to the accredited agents of the several institutions, which by act of this body was made the beneficiaries of the fund bequeathed or donated to it by bro. Jenkins, as aforesaid. We, therefore, offer the following resolution. Be it

Resolved, That brother J. L. M. Curry be and he is hereby discharged from all further liability to account to this body on account of his agency concerning the fund bequeathed or donated to it by bro. William Jenkins deceased, he having fully paid out the same to the parties entitled to receive it; and that the written vouchers showing payment of the same be returned by the President of this body to bro. Curry.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. WATSON,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN LEE, } Com'ttee.

D

Report on Southern Baptist Publication Society.

Although we live in a land in which the word of God is dispensed fr the sacred desk every Sabbath day, it is highly important that religi books, both of a doctrinal and experimental character, be widely circula for the benefit of all Christians. Without endeavoring to argue this po further, we would state that, as nothing is ever accomplished otherwise th through the use of means, the Southern Baptist Publication Society was tablished at Charleston, S. C., as a means for the circulation of relig literature.

We think any one who has ever carefully perused the splendid and go productions of Dr. Dagg, Mallory and others, published by this Society, w agree with us, that it is truly worthy to be sustained by all the Baptists the South. That it may have published a book, or books, every sentim of which all Baptists cannot endorse, is very possible; yet, as a whole, do not hesitate to say, it has never been surpassed in any way by any oth publishing house similarly situated. We would not fail, therefore, wh these facts are too obvious to any candid mind to require proof, to reco mend to this body the propriety of making every exertion, both for its s tenance and progress.

Respectfully submitted.

B. H. CRUMPTON, Cha'n

E.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Since the last Session of the Convention it has pleased our Heaven Father to remove from our midst by death, several of the ministers of o Denomination in this State. Under present circumstances it is impossi for the Committee to make such mention of these as they might desire. They deem it, therefore, proper, simply to refer to the death of one, who f many years was selected by his brethren to fill the responsible position President of this Convention, Rev. A. G. McCraw, of Selma.

Brother McCraw ever manifested a deep interest in the prosperity of t Convention, and presided over its annual sessions with uniform dignity a kindness. It will be no easy matter to supply the place which he filled the hearts of his brethren. His zeal in matters of religion led him to e gage constantly and actively in all the various enterprises of Christian b nevolence, with an interest which continued until the last hours of his li Even when disease had laid its hand heavily upon him and he was withdraw from the busy scenes of life to the quiet of the sick room, he would imagi himself occupied with the details of the services of religious worship, a would spend hours in exhortation and prayer. Early in life he devoted hi self to the work of the ministry, and continued to engage in its arduous d ties almost without intermission, until his last sickness. Previous to h death, he expressed in decided terms his entire reliance for salvation up the merits of a crucified Redeemer, and his hope of being permitted to e ter upon the rest that remaineth to the people of God. We sorrow for h loss, but we sorrow not as they who have no knowledge of the religion Christ. We expect to meet our brother again when the toils and suffering of life shall have ended, and with him to spend a blissful eternity in servi and praising Him who loved us and gave himself for us.

T. W. TOBEY, Cha'n.

F

Report of the Committee on Education.

That "ignorance is the mother of devotion," is an adage as false as it familiar. A baser libel upon Christianity was never invented by its me malignant opponents. It is superstition, not devotion, that claim such p rentage. And the mother and daughter have ever cherished each other wit

a devotion truly wonderful. For while on the one hand ignorance gives birth to and fosters superstition, on the other hand superstition gives all its vast and terrible influence to render ignorance complete and perpetual.—Says a writer, distinguished no less for the correctness of his views than for the beauty of his style, "When a baleful superstition like that of the Church of Rome, has once got a footing among an ignorant people, it is next to impossible to eradicate it; for it can only be assailed with success by the weapons of reason and argument, and to those weapons it is impassive. The sword of ethereal temper loses its edge when tried on the scaly hide of this leviathan. No wonder the Church of Rome is such a friend to ignorance; it is but paying the arrears of gratitude in which she is deeply indebted.—How is it possible for her not to hate that light which would unveil her impostures and detect her enormities! But it is only a false religion, a corrupt Christianity that can be opposed to the light of true science and the scrutiny of cultivated reason. Only those whose deeds are evil love darkness rather than light. True religion has everything to hope but nothing to fear from the dissemination of knowledge. And Christianity when uncorrupted by intriguing and designing men has ever been the firm friend and energetic supporter of education. Planted at first in the most renowned and enlightened cities of the world it has ever flourished best in those countries, and during those periods in which science and learning were most cultivated. And on the other hand real learning, true science has never received more valuable aid than that which has been rendered it by the Gospel. Christianity is that heavenly goddess in whose train are found all the graces that adorn and elevate society. She is the sun upon whose rising the bats and owls of ignorance and superstitions fear skulk away. And under its influence 'the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun and the light of the sun shall be seven fold as the light of seven days.'"

The history of Baptists shows that they have ever been active in the support of education in all its various branches. There is no department of learning which has not shared the benefit of their influence.

That the Baptists of Alabama are deeply interested and earnestly engaged in the work of education is evident from the various institutions of learning established by them, and now under their control. These institutions are known to you all and have a place in your affections. It is not necessary, therefore, that they should each be mentioned by name, or formally recommended by your committee.

From the Report of the Trustees of Howard College we are glad to learn that notwithstanding the calamities that now overwhelm the country, and notwithstanding three of the Professors and many of the students of this institution have entered the army of the South it has not suspended its operations, as many colleges have been compelled to do.

It is truly gratifying to learn from the Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute that its past session was one of continuous prosperity, the attendance being considerably larger than that of the previous year.—At the last annual commencement twenty-four young ladies were admitted to graduation. Though the national troubles have seriously affected the Institution, yet the present session has opened with numbers exceeding the expectations of its friends.

There are one or two subjects in the Report of the Trustees of Howard College to which it is necessary to call the attention of the Convention.—One of these is the attachment of a military department to the College.—Your committee would merely call the attention of the body to this matter without expressing an opinion in reference to it. The other subject mentioned in the report to which it is thought necessary to call the attention of the Convention is, the necessity of sustaining our educational interests, even during the present crisis. The resolution of the Trustees and principal of the Judson in this matter, is worthy of imitation. Engaged in an arduous and all-important struggle, such as has been forced upon the South, there is danger of letting it absorb other interests that are essential to national prosperity. There is being manifested on the part of some a disposition to forsake our educational enterprises until the existing troubles are passed over. The students and professors in our colleges are urged and encouraged to en-

list in the armies of the South. Indeed there are some who do not hesitate to reproach them with a love of ease, with cowardice and a want of patriotism, if they remain at their posts of study and instruction. Such seem to forget that the only basis of a free government is the intelligence of its citizens. An ignorant people can neither appreciate nor preserve a good government. It is, therefore, a patriotic duty to attend to the interests of our educational enterprises, even while the nation is engaged in this life and death struggle. When we have conquered a peace and gained our independence by the arbitration of the sword, our national existence, will neither be prostrated nor prosperous unless our people are intelligent and educated.

W. N. REEVES, Cha'n.

G

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have under the guiding influence of a kind Providence, completed the work of another year, and beg leave to submit to you a report of our doings!

He who disposes events according to the counsels of His will, calls upon us to commence this report in the language of mourning. Since your last meeting two of our beloved brethren, Rev. A. G. McCraw and Dr. W. P. Holman, members of the Board of Trustees, have been called from the scenes of their earthly labors to the rewards of heaven. We feel deeply our loss, mourn for them but especially do we mourn their loss to the College of which they were judicious counsellors, and valued and attached friends. The limits of a report such as this, do not permit us to give a detailed biography of these servants of Christ; but we should do injustice to our own feelings did we not pause to offer this brief tribute of respect to the memory of men so truly wise and good.

The financial condition of the College is not materially different from what it was at your last annual meeting, and is as follows:

Literary Endowment, Principal and Interest,		$176,000 00
Of this, bad and doubtful	$11,500 00	
Indebtedness, say	4,000 00	15,500 00
Leaving reliable Literary Fund		160,500 00
Theological Endowment		45,400 00
Buildings and Lot, say		45,000 00
Apparatus, "		5,000 00
Literary Fund		8,000 00
Total available property,		$263,900 00
Certificates of R. R. Stock, at present of nominal value,		3,500 00

RECAPITULATION.

Available property,	$263,900 00
Notes, bad and doubtful,	11,500 00
Certificates of R. R. Stock,	3,500 00
	$278,900 00

You see from the above recapitulation that you have done much towards making your College in its endowment, all that you desire it to be. It will ultimately need a larger endowment than the above, but for the present, this is all that it needs. It is to be regretted that so little has been accomplished in collecting the money, principal and interest, due on the notes given to the College. The drought, of last year and at present, the unjust and fiendish war which our former brethren of the Northern States are so unrelentingly waging against us, have so greatly deranged the financial resources of the country, as to render collections impossible, and it would be highly injurious to attempt it, under the existing condition of things.

Your Board regret that they are compelled to announce for the first time in the history of the College, that its internal condition is not prosperous.

this is the result of causes which no human wisdom could foresee, or guard against. The almost total failure in the crops of 1860 forced many of the patrons of the College to keep their sons at home. Hence the total number of students registered during the session ending July 1st, 1861, was sixty-two. In the mean time the existing war was commenced, and from the tremendous outside pressure brought to bear upon the young men—students in the college—it was found to be impossible to restrain them from joining volunteer companies. From the best information which can be obtained, there are now as many as 42 of the above 62 students in the Confederate Army. The same thing has occurred in nearly every college in the South. Your Board are fully persuaded that this course was injudicious and unwise. In the reported language of the honored President of the Confederacy: "*It was grinding up our seed corn.*" Your Board did what they could to prevent this great injury to the "*future*" of our common country; but without success. Honest but injudicious persons who possessed the ear and the confidence of the young men, persuaded them that patriotism demanded the sacrifice, and that they ought to volunteer. This, though not wise, accorded with their own earnest love of country, and it was hardly to be expected that a company of high spirited youth could resist these influences. Even the faculty of the College could not withstand them, and three of its members are now in the ranks of our army, as common soldiers. Thus, after years of laborious preparation for usefulness, in positions for which they were admirably fitted, they have sacrificed all to the calls of patriotism. While we can but admire their devotion and disinterestedness, we must question the wisdom of their course. We have hundreds of thousands of the best and bravest soldiers, in the world, and but few, very few, who are qualified to fill the places left vacant by the resignation of Profs. W. A. Parker, E. D. Thornton and E. Ward. Your Board can but express the wish that they may yet find some appropriate field for the exercise of the talents which they unquestionably possess. As the result of the working of the too great eagerness many perhaps the majority, of our colleges have been forced to suspend. We have not thought it judicious to pursue this course, especially as it might involve the loss of a large portion of the endowment fund. We have, therefore, retained the remaining members of the Faculty and requested them to open the doors of the Institution to a class of students preparing for college. Up to this date have registered their names, and are pursuing their studies with commendable diligence.

During the session 18 young men registered their names as studying for the ministry. But even the Theological Department could not escape the spirit of the times, and many of its students are now volunteers in our army. The majority of these young brethren are men of piety and talent, and are exciting a most happy and benign influence where they are. Only two of this class of students have returned to the College. The number, however, could be greatly increased if the Executive Board of the Convention had in hand the means of sustaining them.

The Board were compelled, reluctantly, to accept the resignations of Profs. Parker, Thornton and Ward. We regret the loss of these promising young men to the College, and the cause of education. In view of the prospects of the College, and during the continuance of the war, they do not think it prudent to fill these chairs. We have, as far as possible, devolved the duties of them on the other members of the Faculty. Dr. H. Talbird is still the President of the College. Profs. A. B. Goodhue, D. G. Sherman and T. W. Tobey, continue to fill their respective chairs.

The Board submit to the Convention whether it might not be judicious, in view of the *future of our country*, to attach a Military Department to the College. This will, in all probability, become a universal feature of Southern education, and there is something in it peculiarly attractive to Southern youth. It is certainly promotive of the discipline and good order of any Institution. In addition to all this, when we shall have achieved our emancipation from Northern oppression, it will still be our duty to defend the liberties we have won; and it is most assuredly our duty to contribute our part in fitting our young men for this responsible work. One great end had in view in establishing the College, was the education of our rising ministry,

and these two things may not be compatible. Your Board would be understood as merely suggesting this thought for the consideration of the Convention. The term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees of the College expires with the present session of the Convention namely:

I. W. Garrott, Esq., Marion; J. B. Lovelace, Esq., Marion; J. W. Crenshaw, Esq., Perry county; Wm. N. Wyatt, Esq., Marion; Hon. W. W. Mason, Tuskegee; J. G. Huckabee, Esq., Marion; Gen. L. W. Lawler, Talladega county; R. P. Lide, Esq., Dallas county.

In conclusion your Board would invite the Convention, and the Baptists of Alabama to unite with them in earnest supplication to God for his blessing on our educational interests. It is now twenty years since the Denomination resolved to establish an institution of learning in Marion. It is, however, only about seven years since they have fully realized the greatness of the work which they have undertaken. They have not done all they wished or expected to accomplish. Much has been done, much remains to be done. At no period in the history of the Institution have we felt more deeply the importance of this work, and we are fully persuaded that no enterprise in which we are engaged, whether we act from the promptings of duty or benevolence, can, in this respect, be compared with it. The times through which we are passing are peculiar. Our young men who ought to be in the halls of our colleges, are in our armies fighting the battles of freedom. Many of our most liberally endowed colleges have suspended their operations for the year, and others have done as we have, opened their doors to boys who are too young to enter on a regular course of Collegiate studies. This state of things, however, cannot last, and the great question before us is this,—What are we looking to when things shall have assumed their regular and accustomed course? This will depend on the devotion of the Denomination to its educational interest. If we do our duty we shall succeed; if we neglect it we shall fail.

The Board had nearly omitted to mention the fact, that at the last annual commencement of the College, eight promising young men received the honors of graduation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. N. WYATT, President pro tem.

J. B. LOVELACE, Secretary.

II.

Report of the Trustees of Judson Female Institute.

To the Alabama Baptist Convention:

The past session of the Judson Institute was one of continuous prosperity, and its exercises closed as usual. The attendance of pupils was large, showing a considerable increase over the previous year. The number catalogued was 223. Twenty-four young ladies were admitted to graduation. The Commencement Sermon was preached by Bro. C. D. Mallary, of Ga., on "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord."

The twenty-fourth annual session is now in progress. Considerable changes in the Faculty have occurred: the Principal, Mr. Davis, and the Steward, Mr. Lide, retain their positions, and the Faculty now engaged is of the highest character, and all departments are in successful operation. Order, studious habits, contentment and good health prevail among the pupils.

The troubles of the country have sensibly affected the number of pupils. The present session has opened, however, with numbers exceeding our expectations; thus far 139 have been registered, and it is pleasing to observe that a considerable portion of these are from distant points in other States; some the children of former pupils. This testifies strongly the hold which the Institute retains upon the confidence and esteem of the public. While other Institutions are sustained by merely local patronage, and some have suspended entirely, ours promises to maintain its position. It is the settled purpose of the Trustees and Principal by careful and liberal management, with the blessing of Providence, to support the Judson in all its departments continuously through these dark days and to uphold, so far as its influence

extends, the cause of Female Education, more essential now than ever to the prosperity and moral well-being of our country.

The Ann Hasseltine Society sends to the Convention its usual contribution to the Missionary cause.

The Trustees hope that the interest heretofore manifested by the Convention in the Institute will be unabated, and that it will continue to prove a pillar of strength to our denomination and a blessing to the people.

Respectfully submitted. E. D. KING, President.

S. H. FOWLKES, Sec'y.

K

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance having had assigned them the duty that properly belongs to a standing committee, have not had the requisite time to prepare as concise and as pointed a report as is desirable, but beg leave to offer the following:

We are exhorted by the Apostle to be "temperate in all things," and it is the imperative duty of every Christian to obey the exhortation; but the term Intemperance as it is usually applied, has reference to an inordinate use of inebriating beverage. The deleterious effects of Intemperance are so manifest that to expatiate upon them seems superfluous. Nothing is more clearly evident than that the free and unrestrained use of intoxicating drinks is more destructive to the human family than all the implements of war, and is attended with misery, of which there is no conceivable parallel. It binds down the strong arm and curbs the aspiring spirit's high career. It shackles man with gyves that sometimes are never broken. It drives all of every grade and class to obey its behests, mocking the determination of the most resolute, and laughing to scorn the most decisive wills. Many young men have started out in life with the most flattering prospects before them. The road to fame and renown appeared easy of access. No breath of discouragement fanned their manly brows, but enthroned thereon sat a combination of all those lovely virtues that adorn and beautify the human heart. But ere they had journeyed far in the itinerancy of life—in some unguarded hour, they gave indulgence to the ruinous habit of excessive drinking. It was but one indulgence however, and they dreamed not of danger. But indulgence once granted brought along with it other indulgences, and soon remorse tortured the soul with the poignant recollection of having acted in a manner hurtful to their high vocation. Among the flowers of their hopes now lurked the adder of despair, and ere long all their bright prospects and alluring hopes were hurled to the shades of an eternal night. Having formed the habit, the inebriate throws off all restraint, civil and religious, and plunges headlong in vice and crime, blunting his sensibilities and prostituting all his moral powers, till emboldened by iniquity he perpetrates deeds that a fiend would blush to perform. And as the morning dew and evening shower but leaves in vain the pallid cheek of the withered flower, that lies as a prostrate memento of its once flourishing state, so the premonitions of the habit of intemperance but warn in vain its drunken devotees, who stand as doleful monuments of their once proud and happy condition. How to counteract this demoralizing tendency is the purpose of temperance reports. And it may well engage alike the earnest attention of both philanthropist and Christian. In the humble opinion of your committee the mere approval and adoption, by this body, of reports reprobating the practice, will make but little, if any, in removing the causes, if the churches of Jesus Christ retain within their membership those who are given to the habit of excessive drinking, or permit the sale of intoxicating spirits, save for mendicinal purposes, by those who are members of the church. The total abstinence on the part of ev-

ery Christian, except in case of sickness, and an earnest endeavor in the ministry, and among the lovers of Jesus, to exert every effort in the extirpation of intemperance appear to be the best means for the promotion of the object of the report. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. MASSEY, Cha'n.

M

Report on Foreign Missions.

The present apparent conflict between the claims of patriotism and the claims of Christianity, has greatly embarrassed the minds of many of our brethren as to the relative importance of each. At a time when our very political existence and independence is imperiled, there is great danger that we shall lose sight of the one in our efforts to meet the demands of the other. The necessities of the one are tangible, and are pressing upon us with an urgency which admits of no delay—those of the other are more distant, and in our unbelieving hearts, we are tempted to suppose, may be left to a more auspicious future. That faith which looks not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen and eternal, is now demanded with an urgency of appeal which divine providence has never made more imperative within our memory. Whether the Son of God shall find this higher development of faith in the churches remains to be seen.—And yet it would seem that at a time when our sense of dependence upon our glorified Redeemer for aid is more thoroughly realized by all Christians than ever before, we should feel most anxious to conciliate his favor. That righteousness that exalteth a nation cannot be better manifested than by showing that our interest in the Redeemer's cause is only intensified by the dangers that thicken around us. That last achievment of faith that shall place the Church of Christ above the reach of the revolutions of empires, will inaugurate the millenial glory. We can but aspire to this. May God give us understanding of the times, that we may know what Israel ought to do!

It is a source of satisfaction to your committee to know that the Foreign Mission Board has been able to meet all its liabilities up to this time. This has been done without any extraordinary agencies. It is supposed that if our churches shall not abate their zeal hereafter, but shall continue to contribute to its funds as they have since the war commenced, the Board will be able, by practising the rigid economy they have already adopted, to meet all its future obligations.

It is also gratifying to know that all the funds transmitted to our Missionaries have reached their destination. The providence of God has recently opened other channels through which these funds may be sent. It is believed that no apprehension as to the safety of these channels need be entertained.

Your committee can do nothing more, therefore, than to urge our brethren not to relax their efforts in reference to the claims of this Board. To desert our brethren now, who have gone to distant lands, we are persuaded, is not to be thought of by any brother whose heart has been renewed by divine grace. Memory will never summon from the past a sweeter recollection in the death hour than that which shall come from this trying crisis, if we are faithful to the vows of God which are upon us.

Respectfully submitted, SAM'L HENDERSON, Cha'n.

N

Report on Domestic and Indian Missions.

The circumstances connected with the formation in 1845, of the South

ern Baptist Convention, and the organization of its Boards, are now matters of history. And in this, as in other things, the hand of God must be gratefully recognized, overruling what seemed to be, and was an evil at the time, to the promotion of the prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

By consulting the Convention Minutes of that period, it will be seen that the formation of the S. B. Convention was not a matter of choice so much as of necessity. The Board of the old Triennial Convention, at Boston, having with great injustice and in the face of repeated remonstrance adopted the following resolution, viz: That "if any one who shall offer himself for a missionary, having slaves, should insist on retaining them as his property, they could not appoint him." The Baptists of the South felt constrained, not only from proper self-respect, but in fidelity to the interests of the Savior's cause at home and abroad, to withhold their contributions from the Boston Board. As no relief could be obtained, and the gross injustice thus done was rather persisted in, the only alternative left to those who were sincerely desirous of laboring for Christ, was to seek some other channel of communicating their contributions and themselves to the service of the Master. For this purpose the S. B. Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., in 1845. The objects had in view by our brethren met together at that time, were publicly set forth to be "the extension of the Messiah's Kingdom, and the glory of our God; not disunion with any of His people; not the upholding of any form of human policy or civil rights; but God's glory and Messiah's increasing reign; in the promotion of which, we find no necessity for relinquishing any of our civil rights. We will not interfere with what is Cæsar's. We will not compromit what is God's, ... We sympathize with the Macedonian cry from every part of the heathen world,—with the low moan for spiritual aid, of the four millions of half-stifled Red Men, our neighbors; with the sons of Ethiopia among us, stretching forth their hands of supplication for the Gospel, to God and all His people,—and we have shaken ourselves from the nightmare of a six years' "strife about words to no profit," for the profit of these poor, perishing and precious souls . . . . We have had more talk than work about these objects too long. We have waited too long for the more learned and gifted, and opulent and worthy, to lead our way toward these objects; and we have shortened debate upon them to get to business."

These were brave words—noble sentiments, that deserve to be engraved upon every Baptist's heart; and we do not wonder that the Convention of this State, in the same year, heartily and unanimously adopted them as their own. Since that time the whole South, with the Indian territories, has been peculiarly the field of operations for the Domestic Board of Missions. And our own State has gone along side those who have most liberally supported these Missions. The result of the separation, painful as it was at the time, has been that the contributions of the Southern churches have been largely increased, in every department of Christian enterprise, and particularly for Domestic Missions.

And now that a political separation (of which ours was but a foreshadowing) has taken place, and we find ourselves involved in an unhappy and unprovoked struggle, for our independence, with those with whom we were once tied together,—we would HEARTILY and UNANIMOUSLY re-adopt the sentiments set forth by our brethren in 1845. We would go to work with the same earnest purposes, the same simple confidence in that God who hath thus far smiled upon us and increased us so greatly on every side.—The cause is His—*what we have is His*—WE ARE His. And whatever motives for labor in the Home and Indian fields there were then, exist with increased force now. Now, thanks be to God, our country is our own, to be kept free from the intermeddling of those who understand neither us

nor our institutions; and the unparalleled unanimity and moral strength now exhibited by our beloved land, is due, under God, in no small degree to the labors of Southern Christians,—preachers, and Missionaries, and private members,—who have not been hampered nor directed by Northern Boards. And to what else, than the faithful labors of our Missionaries among them, can we ascribe the remarkable readiness of the Indians to espouse our cause, and the valuable aid given in the war now existing between the Confederate and the United States? And this, be it remembered, is at the sacrifice of large sums of money which they have yearly received from the U. S. Government.

Every motive of self interest, of patriotism and of gratitude, as well as of Christian obligation, called on us to be even more earnest than ever in the prosecution of our Domestic and Indian Missions. It is true, that we labor under peculiar disadvantages for this, just now. Every kind of business is suffering, money is scarce, the whole country is agitated and the minds of the people everywhere interested in the progress of political events. But this only makes it more imperative on us to make the greater sacrifices, and to labor more earnestly. For, if the cause of God declines, if we abandon churches that have been constituted and stop the preaching of the Gospel in the destitute parts of our country, what will become of us as a people? The result is not hard to be seen. Our armies, our public bodies, what will they be? Instead of being composed, as they now are to so large a degree, of Christian men whose counsels God guides and whose efforts He prospers,—they will become assemblies of the ungodly, upon whom the curse of the Almighty will rest. And apart from the danger to our country, resulting from the withdrawal of the sympathy of the Red Men on our western border, what kind of return, for their self-sacrificing and generous devotion, would it be for us to withdraw our Missionaries from them? The work must not cease. We must learn what sacrifice means. We must not be discouraged. We must imitate Him, who, "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." C. MANLY, Cha'n.

I

Report on Documents and Letters.

Your committee have examined the letters from the churches and associations representing your body and find nothing claiming your attention, except the request from the Tuscaloosa Church, that the Convention should meet with them the ensuing year, which request we submit for your consideration. W. JACOB PARKER, Cha'n.

L

Report of the Committee on Periodicals.

Your committee on Periodicals would submit the following: The demand for Periodical literature has no parallel in the present age. And its influence is as great as the demand. The mind of the masses has for years been under its influence. If we wish an example we need but look at the condition of our country now as to its political aspect. Every casual observer knows that this arm of the Press has been the potent means of shaking to the centre, and dividing asunder a government which once felt itself master of any influence that could menace its prosperity or stability. But in the light of this example we are compelled not only to see, but to feel its force. From facts in history we should learn lessons of wisdom. And the lesson before us is this: The Press is a power which may be feared

when used for unholy purposes, and should be cherished as a most effective means for the promotion of objects good and worthy.

Your committee can but mourn over the present embarrassed condition of interests in this department of Christian effort. Many of our religious papers which visited our families weekly as kind counsellors in the way of righteousness have been suspended.

The *Commission*, which so hopefully and ably presented the claims of Foreign Missions, has been suspended for want of support. The *Home & Foreign Journal* is much embarrassed, and its suspension is now under consideration by the Boards.

The *South Western Baptist* has, so far as your Committee is advised, sustained itself very well under the financial pressure. While many of our State papers have either suspended or reduced their size, this has retained its full form with additional reading matter.

Your committee would earnestly commend the future interests of the South Western Baptist, the Commission, and the Home and Foreign Journal to the Baptists of Alabama. Respectfully submitted.

S. R. FREEMAN, Cha'n.

Report of Board of Directors of Ala. Bap. State Convent'n.

Dear Brethren:—The Board begs leave to submit the following as its Annual Report viz:

At a meeting held June 23d 1861, the Board appointed John Moore, Esq., and J. W. Crenshaw Esq., to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Howard College caused by the deaths of Dr. W. P. Holman and Rev. A. G. McCraw.

By a reference to the Report of your Treasurer it will be seen that the Beneficiary Fund of the Convention is exhausted. If we had funds the number of Beneficiaries could be increased. By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted, H. TALBIRD, President.

A. B. Goodhue, Sec'y.

Treasurer's Report.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Treas'r, In Account with the Ala. Bap. State Convention.*

BENEFICIARY ACC'T, HOWARD COLLEGE.

1860,	Dr.
Nov. 5, To bal. due this fund report'd to last Convent'n	$1022 66
" 5 to cash from Dr. Blakey	10 00
" 14 cash from fin. com.	455 80
" " " " Bighee Asso.	12 50
" " " " Cahaba "	81 00
1861.	
Jan. 12, " " Dr. Talbird on act. Pine Level church	15 00
Mar. 11, cash from Rev. J. M. Newman, for Savage,	20 00
" " Jno. Cogburn for "	20 00
" " cash from —— church thro' J. M. N. for Savage	10 00
" 18 cash from Dr. B. Manly	25 00
Apr. 15, " " J. H. Brown through Dr. Talbird	450 00
" " cash from W. M. High through Dr. Talbird,	50 00
" " cash from P. P Burt, through Dr. Talbird,	25 00
" " cash from Mrs. P. Burt,	

1860,	Cr.
Nov. 6, by bal. due on the Jerry Brown fund, 1,	$ 4 18
" " H. H. Lawson's receipt 2	65 00
" " " " " card 3	50 00
" 15 O. L. Shivers, receipt from 4 to 10,	258 50
" " J. B. Mynatt's " 11	4 50
" 19 P. McEachin's " 12	45 00
" 20 Mrs. Jackson's " 13	45 00
Dec. 5 Dr. McAlister's " 14	45 00
" 7 T. W. Tobey's " 15	39 00
Nov. 24, P. McEachin's " from 16 to 19,	150 00
" " H. Talbird dft in favor of Mr Jones f'm 20 to 23	45 00
" " H. Talbird dft in favor of Mr Weatherly from 24 to 27,	100 00
" " H. Talbird dft in favor of Mr. Savage, from 28 to 32,	135 00
" " H. Talbird dft in favor of Mr. Thornton from 33 to 36,	45 00

through Dr. Talbird.	20 00
" " cash from R. P. Lide, through Dr. Talbird.	20 00
" 26 cash from Dr. C. Battle through Dr. Talbird,	90 00
" 15 cash from Rev. Mr. Edmunds thro' J. H. Brown	50 00
May 1 cash from W. H. Hibler through Dr. Talbird	50 00
June 11 cash from Mrs. R. H. Whitfield through Dr. H. Talbird.	20 00
" " E. Taitt's dft. due Nov. 1st 1861, through Dr. H. Talbird,	50 00
" 18, cash from Mrs. Sayre, thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	2[illegible] 00
" " cash from H. P. Brown thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	50 00
" " cash from Mrs. H. P. Brown, through Dr. H. Talbird,	20 00
" " cash from Mrs. Webster, through Dr. H. Talbird,	20 00
" " c'sh fr'm A. M. Pippin, thro' Dr. H. Talbird.	20 00
" " c'sh fr'm N. P. Pippin, thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	50 00
" " c'h f'm Mrs. Pippin, thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	10 00
" " cash from J. H. Horn, thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	10 00
" " cash from Mrs. Perrin, thro' Dr. H. Talbird.	20 00
" " c'sh fr'm Mrs. Maxwell, thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	20 00
" " c'sh f'm N. M. Carpenter, thro' Dr. H. Talbird	20 00
" " c'h f'm Mrs Mary Bates thro' Dr. H. Talbird,	10 00
" " c'h f m Dr. O. L. Shivers thro' Dr. H. Talbird.	2 50
	$2769 46

" " H. Talbird dft in favor of Mr. Wilson, from 37 to 40.	50 50
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Burson, from 41 to 44.	50 50
" " H. Talbird, draft in favor of Mr. Hardy, from 45 to 48.	62 00
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Snead from 49 to 51,	40 50
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Given, fr'm 52 to 55,	115 00
" " H. Talbird, draft in favor of Mr. Mynatt, 56 to 58,	100 00
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Smith, from 59 to 63,	198 00
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Strawn, from 64 to 66,	45 00
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Macon, from 67 to 68,	40 00
" " H. Talbird, dft in favor of Mr. Murphy, from 69 to 71,	65 00
" " H. Talbird d'ft in favor of Mr. Williams, 72,	20 00
Apr 15 cash pd. O. L. Shivers, receipts from 73 to 78,	228 00
" 15, cash p'd P. McEachin receipts 79,	45 00
June 18 cash p'd Dr. H. Talbird, receipt 80,	7 00
" " cash p'd O. L. Shivers, receipts from 81 to 88,	250 50
" 19 cash p'd Mrs. Jackson, receipt from 89 to 90,	60 00
Nov. 4, cash p'd Dr. H. Talbird, receipts 91	188 00
Jan. 9 omitted, H. Talbird, order to Dr. O. L. Shivers, 92,	75 00
Nov. 5, bal. on hand,	187 46
	$2769 46

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

1860.	Dr.
Nov. 5. Bal. on hand, report'd to last Convention.	$31 75
" 15, c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't.,	5 00
" 23, " " Dom. Mission fund for Minutes.	70 00
Dec. 17, c'sh fr'm For. Mission fund for Minutes.	60 00
	$166 75

1861.	Cr.
Mar. 23, I. T. Tichenor's order,	$140 00
Nov. 5, Balance on hand	26 75
	$165 75

SOUTHERN PUBLICATION SOCIETY ACCT.

1860.	Dr.	1861.	Cr.
Nov. 5. Bal. on hand reported to last Convention,	$47 20	Nov. 5. Balance on hand,	$67 20
" c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't,	20 00		
	$67 20		$67 20

HOLCOMB MONUMENT FUND.

1860.	Dr.	1861.	Cr.
Nov. 10. cash bal. reported to last Convention,	$61 55	Nov. 5. Balance on hand.	$61 55
	$61 55		$61 55

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

1860.	Dr.	1861.	Cr.
Nov. 14. cash and vouchers, fr'm Fin. Com'tee for Domestic Missions,	$1212 26	Nov. 23. By Wm. Hornbuckle Treasurer's receipt,	3273 28
" " c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't, for Indian Missions,	759 45	Mar. 30. Wm. Hornbuckle, Treasurer's receipt,	500 00
" " c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't, for Buckner's Trans'n	160 00	Nov. 5. Balance on hand.	10 00
" " c'sh fr'm Union Asso., for Indian Missions,	411 80		
" " c'sh fr'm Union Asso., for Indian Missions,	15 00		
" " c'sh fr'm Bigbee Asso. for Indian Missions,	365 00		
" " c'sh fr'm Bigbee Asso., for Domestic Missions	265 35		
" " c'sh fr'm Cahaba Asso. for Domestic Missions	41 42		
" " c'sh fr'm Cahaba Asso., for Indian Missions,	10 00		
" " c'sh fr'm Siloam ch'h., not report'd to Conv.,	5 00		
1861, 27. c'sh fr'm Mrs. S. E. Gore, by W. H. McIntosh	5 00		
Mar. 29. c'sh fr'm J. H. Brown by H. Talbird,	500 00		
	$3783 28		$3783 28

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

1860.	Dr.	1860.	Cr.
Nov. 5. To bal. on hand, reported to last Conv.	$5 00	Dec. 17. By S. A. Creath's receipt,	$2075 28
" 14. c'sh and vouchers fr'm Finance Com't for Foreign Missions	1578 40	Mar. 30. By J. B. Taylor's receipt.	500 00
" " c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't for China Missions	88 15		
" " c'sh fr'm Fin. Com't, for African Missions	139 60		
" 16, c'sh fr'm Bigbee Asso., for For. Miss'ns	158 90		
" " c'sh fr'm Union Asso for Foreign Missions	72 78		
" " c'sh fr'm Union Asso for African Missions	1 55		
1861. " c'sh fr'm Cahaba Asso., for For. Miss'ns	30 90		
Mar 29. c'sh fr'm J. H. Brown			

by H. Talbird,	500 00		
	$2575 28		$2575 28

MISSION CHURCH MOBILE.

	Dr.		Cr.
1861.		1861.	
Nov. 5. To bal. report'd to last Convention,	10 00	Nov. 5. By balance on hand,	$10 00
	$10 00		$10 00

BIBLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

			Dr.
Nov. 6. To cash from Fin. Committee,	$286 06	1860. Nov. 15. By Matt. Hillsman's receipt,	$297 06
" " To bal. reported to last Convention,	11 00		
	$297 06		$297 06

To the President and Members of the Ala. Baptist State Convention:

I herewith submit this, my Annual Report as Treasurer of your Body, showing a balance in my hands of Three Hundred and Sixty-two dollars and ninety eight cents. Of this amount there stands to the credit of the Beneficiary funds of Howard College, one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-eight cents. To General Purpose fund twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents. To the Southern Publication Society Account sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents. To Holcome Monument fund sixty one dollars and fifty-five cents. To the Domestic Mission Account ten dollars, and to the Mission Church, Mobile, ten dollars.

There was reported to the last Convention two hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-five cents, for the Ala. Bible Society. The same having been paid out to agents and others previous to the meeting of the Convention, which, consequently did not come into my hands.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. FOWLKES, Treas'r,
Ala. Bap. State Con.

We have examined the above account of the Treasurer of the Convention and find the same correct.

WM. N. WYATT, Cha'n
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bodies Contributing.	Rev. Willis Burns	Domestic Mission	Foreign Bible	Indian Missions	Foreign Missions	Soldiers' and Travels for	Bibles, Testaments	Nashville Board	Cherokee Indians	Creek Indians	Rev. Blackburn, Jr. Mission	General Purposes	Benchcliffe Hon. and College	Army Colportage	Total
2d Church Montgomery		5 00													5 00
Union Association	1 00	134 45		134 45	50 20										320 10
Tuskegee Church		10 00		37 75	37 75	34 50									110 00
North River Association									10 50	10 50					21 00
Montevallo Church				25 00	25 00										50 00
Tuskaloosa Church		2 00		30 00	25 00		12 00								69 00
Tuskaloosa Association				5 00		1 00									6 00
Centre Ridge Church				17 75	6 24	1 50									25 50
Bethel Association				34 50											34 50
Alabama Association		26 00		208 35		67 90					396 65				898 90
Mrs. S. J. Connella				10 00	5 00										15 00
Hopewell Church				5 00											5 00
William Horton				5 00											5 00
Selma Church				9 00	9 25		10 00					13 00			41 25
Ann Hasseltine Soc'y, Jud. Fem. Inst		15 00		10 00	25 00									50 00	100 00
Ocmulgee Church				1 75		1 75									3 50
R. P. Lide				5 00	5 00										10 00
Mrs. Peck		2 00		2 00	1 00										5 00
St. Francis St. Church												15 00			15 00
Mt. Eden Church				5 00											5 00
Cahaba Association		6 56		29 56											57 72
Siloam Church		70 65	1 00	144 65	46 64		18 00						15 00		295 95
The Congregation														234 00	234 00
	1 00	271 46	1 00	737 56	226 08	106 65	40 00	10 50	10 50	5 86 65	26 00	15 00	284 00	$2,226 42

Bigbee Association for the support of Peter Fulsom. $170 00

We have examined the above account and find it correct. WM. N. WYATT, Ch'n Aud. Com.

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